

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 921

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Frank Lannom for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is attorney Frank Lannom of Wilson County, who is the 2021-2022 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lannom has been an active member of TACDL for thirty years; his recent selection to serve this esteemed organization as its president is an honor most befitting his commitment to and leadership in his profession; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers was formed and chartered in 1973, making it the oldest legal defense bar association in the State; TACDL provides education, training, and support to criminal defense lawyers and advocates for fair and effective criminal justice in the courts and wherever justice demands; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lannom was introduced to criminal defense in 1990, while serving as a law clerk in Knoxville for James A.H. Bell; and

WHEREAS, a two-time member of the board of directors of TACDL and a life member for well over two decades, Mr. Lannom has focused his tenure as president on the wellbeing of TACDL's members; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lannom has shared his passion for criminal defense at seminars for the Tennessee Trial Lawyers and TACDL, and he is known for leading an aggressive motion practice and effective preliminary hearings; and

WHEREAS, he is also known for embarking upon yearly 1,300-mile, nonstop trips from South Dakota to speak at TACDL's annual DUI seminar accompanied by his bird dog, Mac; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of and business owner in Wilson County, Mr. Lannom maintains an active family farm and raises beef cattle and horses when not practicing law; and

WHEREAS, committed to serving the needs of his community, Frank Lannom provides thoughtful contributions to youth sports and band activities and evinces exceptional volunteerism and professionalism in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lannom prioritizes his faith and family and is an active member of his church as well as a member of the Judah Motorcycle Ministries, which carries the message of the cross to the "outlaw" motorcycling world throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, among the many accomplishments of his legal career, Frank Lannom is most proud of his tireless defense of citizens accused of crimes and ensuring their protection from overreaching government intrusion upon their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lannom has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity as an attorney and civic leader, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Frank Lannom for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as the 2021-2022 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.